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Mountain Communities Centennial Chautauqua

April 30, 2005 - 10 am to 4 pm

Lake Arrowhead Village

The Mountain Top is buzzing over the anticipation of celebrating the upcoming Forest Service 100 years of service. Please join the Lake Arrowhead Communities Chamber of Commerce, the Lake Arrowhead Village and the U. S. Forest Service on April 30, 2005, from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm in the Lake Arrowhead Village, as we partner to celebrate this great once in a live time experience.

The day will kick off with a colorful parade beginning in front of the Lake Arrowhead Resort. Parade participants include the U.S.F.S Honor Guard, including their bagpiper, Smokey Bear, SBNFA Fire Ed. 1924 Model T, New Century Creators youth performers, Mountain Fifes and Drums Corp, plus many local U.S. Forest Service volunteer organizations and much more. This is a small parade but will add to the excitement of the day, especially as it travels along the waterfront of the "FULL" Lake Arrowhead.

After the parade the U.S.F.S. Honor Guard will present the colors while recording artist, Greg Kojar performs the National Anthem. The New Century Creators youth performers, directed by Toni Spagnola and choreographed by Michelle (Micki) Moore, will open the live entertainment with a song entitled "The Forest Story". During an hour long performance the local youth performers will perform selected songs and dances from the *New Century Creators - A Celebration*, written by Louise Phillips of Washington DC (the original score has been selected for the 2005 Smithsonian Folklife Festival) The Grandview Grizzlies Choir will be performing the Smokey Bear song - with a visit from Smokey. Guest speakers will include Gene Zimmerman, San Bernardino National Forest - Forest Supervisor and Allison Stewart, Mountaintop District Ranger.

The afternoon will continue with more live entertainment by singer/storyteller, Rita Cantu, of the Prescott National Forest located in Arizona and songwriter/recording artist Greg Kojar. Each will perform special centennial performances, including Rita's performance selected for the 2005

Smithsonian Folklife Festival. The closing performance of the day will be performed by our local Mountain Fifes and Drums Corp.

Plan to visit the event booths scattered throughout Lake Arrowhead Village. There will be a special entertainers booth where you can meet the entertainers who will be performing throughout the day. Writer, Louise Phillips will be on hand to sign copies of several of her different children's books, Rita Cantu will share her CD's, hammered dulcimers and native drums and flutes, Greg Kojar will share his latest music and the Mountain Fifes and Drums will be on hand to discuss their upcoming trip to Williamsburg, VA. Several different organizations, affiliated with the Forest Service will be on hand to share information and their history of working with the Forest Service. Come out and support the Children's Forest Association, Eagles Nest Garden Club, Hilltoppers Garden Club, Rim Nordic Recreation, Rim of the World Historical Society, Rim of the World Interpretive Association (Heaps Peak Arboretum), San Bernardino National Forest Association Fire Education Program displaying their 1924 Model-T Forest Service Patrol Vehicle and mobile fire education hands-on wildfire experience exhibit, San Bernardino National Forest Association Fire Lookout Program, San Gorgonio Wilderness Association with their horses, Sierra Club Mountains Chapter, and Wildhaven with their educational wildlife.

Tentative Event Timeline – Saturday, April 30th – Lake Arrowhead Village

- 10:00am Parade – beginning in front of the Lake Arrowhead Resort
- 10:45am National Anthem (Greg Kojar) and Forest Service Honor Guard with bagpiper will present the colors.
- 11:00am Opening of Event –
New Century Creators performing songs and dances from the original “New Century Creators - A Celebration” score by Louise Phillips. This presentation should last approx. 1 hour with guest speakers Forest Supervisor, Gene Zimmerman and District Ranger, Allison Stewart.
- 12:30 pm Grandview Grizzlies Choir (Grandview Elementary) will perform the Smokey Bear Song with a visit from Smokey Bear.
- 1 – 3:00 pm Performances by Greg Kojar and Rita Cantu
- 3 – 4:00 pm Performance by Mountain Fifes & Drums